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On top of all the dancing that you'll be able to do, there will be a live performance featuring Gord Kidd and the band 50/50. A great silent auction will also have you spending! A light "lunch" will be provided by the Wilberforce Legion Auxiliary at 10:30 p.m.

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Juno-Nominated Guitarist, David Gogo, Set to Make Waves at the Delta Pinestone Resort

Multiple blues award-winner and Canadian Juno-nominated guitarist David Gogo is going to be heating things up at the Delta Pinestone Resort on Friday, Aug. 29 at the Highlands Grand Ballroom.

Including opening local act Rugged Company, the action all starts when the doors open at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are sure to sell fast for 'Blues at the Delta' presented by Kashaga Productions, the Delta Pinestone Resort, The County Voice and Moose FM 93.5.

Limited tickets are available and are going for $45. They can be purchased at Henwood's Variety, the Delta Pinestone Resort and Kashaga Productions. For more information call Alex Bell at 705 457-5818.

Below is a bio of Cordova Bay Recording artist David Gogo.

Juno-nominated guitarist David Gogo has been making major waves in Europe in 2008 with the release of his latest CD 'Vibe' on Cordova Bay/Dixiefrog Records. The album is getting rave reviews throughout Europe and features a special guest appearance by sadly departed friend and Grammy nominated guitarist Jeff Healey as well as Tom Wilson (Blackie & The Rodeo Kings).

Gogo kicked off the year with an extensive 17 date European support tour in January and February with renowned UK rockers, Wishbone Ash. The sold out tour saw the Canadian guitarist perform to enthusiastic fans in The Netherlands, Denmark, Switzerland and Germany, where he made a major impression with his first single "Something Ain't Right"- a heartfelt ballad he co-wrote with John Capek ("Rhythm of My Heart"/ Rod Stewart) that was added to commercial radio throughout Germany.

The press interviews and media performances were non-stop throughout the tour. Gogo spent both his show days and days off dropping by radio stations and performing the single on television including, FAB-TV in Berlin, TV Munchen in Munich and KUNO'S in Hamburg, where the famous host and former owner of the famed Star Club (where the Beatles use to perform) filmed the band's performance at Fabrik for national broadcast in March.

"Vibe" was also hand picked by Dr. Manfred Bleskin, the well respected news anchor of N-TV (Germany equivalent of CNN), as one of the "Albums of The Month" featured nationally alongside

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Bwana John's

Spotlight On Business

By Mark Arike

From Around the World

Get a Taste of Some Exotic Merchandise at Bwana John's

Stephen and Stephanie Hartwick have owned their business 'Bwana John's' for the past 22 years and in that period of time they've turned what was primarily a jewellery store into a place that carries a whole lot more.

Currently, there are two Bwana John's locations in Haliburton County. One store is located in downtown Minden and the other is on Highland St. in Haliburton. The happily married couple and business owners spend their summer months in Minden, but once the busy season dies down, they head to their permanent residence in Chiang Mai located in northern Thailand.

"We've had every winter off and we travelled. We started buying a few things and started bringing them back. We'd take suitcases of items to the camps and everyone started buying the stuff," explains Stephen of how things first started to take off.

In their travels, the pair has managed to tour several exotic parts of the world. These travels have inspired many of their creations that can be seen for sale in their stores.

"We've been to Mexico, Guatemala, the Honduras and Costa Rica. We also started going to Asia, the Philippines, Thailand, Nepal and India," he said.

When returning to Canada from Thailand and Asia, the two started bringing back jewellery and small textile objects with them. They started out small, operating as a wholesaler and attending fairs and festivals where they sold their products.

"We went to shows all across Canada," says Stephen.

Many of the items that can be found in Bwana John's are made in Thailand.

"We've been working with the people in the same village who have sewed the clothes for us for 20 years."

"Once we opened up the shops we started getting involved in the designing of the products," adds Stephanie.

Both first came to Haliburton County 30 years ago. At first, Stephanie worked as a summer relief nurse at the Haliburton Hospital and Stephen provided cooking services for children's camps in the local area.

Stephanie, originally from New Zealand, left the country when she was in her early 20's.

"I started travelling, met Stephen and got married," she says.

"We met picking fruit in the Okanogan Valley," recalls Stephen.

So what was it that made the pair decide to come to this area and how did they come up with the name 'Bwana John's'?

"My father had always fished in the Bancroft area. My brother has also moved here," said Stephen. Before launching the stores, they operated their whole sale business out of their former home in Tory Hill. In the summer months, they live above their Minden store location.

Once establishing the business, the two expanded their line-up of products to include more than just jewellery and handicrafts.

"Stephanie developed her designing and sewing skills along with the growth of the business. She also took several courses at the Haliburton School of Fine Arts in clothing production and design. It's been very good for us. Actually, we've both taken courses there that have been very relevant to our business," said Stephen.

As for the Bwana John's name, Stephen explains the story behind

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A Taste of the World Here in Haliburton County

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the original idea.

"When we were in Kenya, we learned that Bwana in Swahili means 'Mr. or Sir'. It's a form of polite address," said Stephen while Stephanie added, "Stephen's first name is actually John."

Stephen says he liked the way Bwana John's rolled off the tongue and since then the name stuck.

"The name is so well-known that we'd hate to change it," he says.

An interesting fact to point out is that they even have taken some of the local teachers with them to Thailand to help teach the workers over there.

As the business began to take off, the two had little time for much else.

"The business grew to the point where I didn't have time for nursing anymore," said Stephanie who gave up her profession in 1986.

"We've managed to support ourselves for 22 years solely from the business," adds Stephen.

For both, getting into the retail business was just the right thing to do.

"There's a limitless market for women's clothing and Asia is the centre of garment production in the world," says Stephen.

And when the two are away purchasing merchandise, they consider themselves lucky to have such a great manager.

"We are fortunate to have Janice Jowett as our manager enabling us to leave the business in her capable hands while we were away travelling and buying," says Stephen.

Once products are ready to come over to Canada, they are shipped by sea or air from Asia. A majority of the clothes you'll find in the store are made of natural fibres like cotton, rayon and silk. They're also starting to get imported cotton area rugs from India.

"That's probably our newest thing," says Stephen.

Three years ago, the Buddha Cafe was also introduced to the Haliburton store.

"We doubled the size of the Haliburton store three years ago and the cafe came in," said Stephanie. "The cafe is a place for husbands and boyfriends to sit down and read the paper. The coffee will often be free if I think it's going to keep their wives shopping!" says Stephen.

Another new and exciting venture that the couple is planning on getting going is a website in the fall.

"We're going to open up a cyber store so people can shop Bwana John's online. It'll be www.bwanajohns.com and we're hoping that by October 1st it'll be up and running," said Stephen.

So stop by Bwana John's in Minden or Haliburton and check out the diverse collection of items that the store has to offer. To get a hold of Stephen or Stephanie, contact Bwana John's in Haliburton at 705 457-3078.

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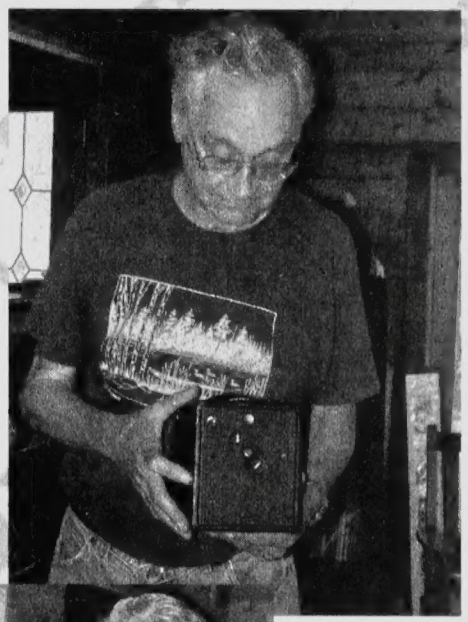
Cameras Galore

Local Resident Joe Smith Has a Collection All His Own

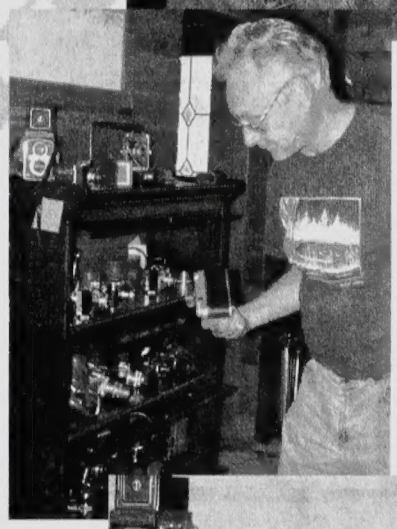
By Mark Arike



West Guilford resident Joe Smith got his first camera when he was only 10 years old. Since then, the retired avid photographer has acquired a collection of nearly 100 vintage cameras. Currently, his oldest and still fully-functional piece is an 1895 Western Cyclone.

"Photography has always been a hobby of mine. I've always had an interest in it," said Smith in an interview with The Voice at his home last week. And ever since he purchased his first digital camera, he became even more interested in the older, collectable models.

"After I bought my first digital camera, there was something about them. I wouldn't say it was something that I didn't like, but I just didn't find it as comfortable. I find that I get more satisfaction out of using a film camera rather than a digital one. Even though I use a digital camera a lot and a computer a lot, I still find the film cameras fun." He does admit that digital cameras take great pictures; however, he maintains that the quality of photo from a film camera is something that the newer technology just can't duplicate.



So just where does he find these pieces of history?

"I get the cameras from antique stores, EBay and at yard sales," says Smith. Film can still be found for the majority of cameras in his collection.

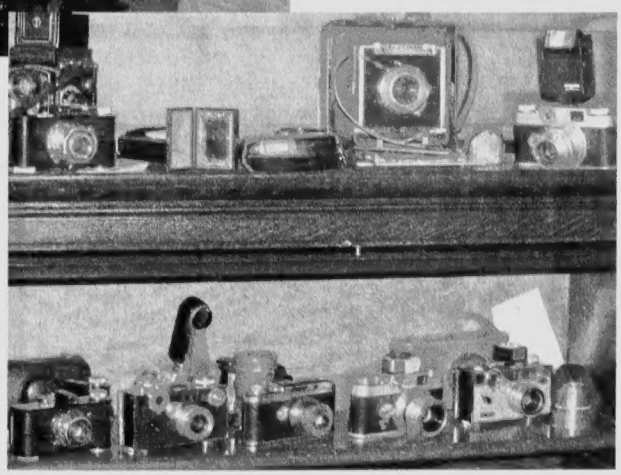
"Most of the cameras I have actually used. There's only the odd one that I haven't used. And usually when I go anywhere, I have a film camera of some kind."

Asked about his most historic camera – the 1895 Western Cyclone – Smith quickly rose out of his chair to pick it up and talk about it.

"This is an interesting camera because it uses glass plates," he explained while loading the camera with some of the 12 plates. "They all have to go in at the same time."

For about a century, in the 1800's, quarter plate, half plate and whole plate glass negatives were common with many prints being made in these sizes.

"After you took the picture the plate would fall into the bottom of the camera. Then when you finished taking all 12 pictures, you'd open the camera, take them out and develop them," said Smith while adding that the biggest problem with this camera is the fact that when the plates fall into the bottom, it was possible for them to break.



When it comes to taking pictures, he says he'll photograph basically anything, as proved by the more than 4000 photos on his home computer. Many of these photos include pictures of nature, his grandkids and locations around the Haliburton Highlands.

Another unique camera that Smith has in his collection is a homemade one. What it consists of is a Tim Horton's coffee can with a small pinhole. When light passes through the pinhole, the image is burned onto the film inside the can. This method of exposure works similarly to the way that light in a dark room reveals and burns an image taken onto paper.

"You take your 4x5 film, stick it down in the can in the dark and then when you're ready to take the photo you expose it. Then you take the film out and process it. This is fun," he says.

Other cameras that Smith is fond of from his collection are models made by Argus. Argus is an American maker of cameras and photographic products founded in 1936 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Smith is especially intrigued with the history that accompanies this brand of camera.

"They built their cameras in the United States up until the mid 1960's," explains Smith. "They started importing cameras from Japan. Argus cameras were one of the most important camera companies. They played a very big role in making 35 mm photography popular. The camera they sold most of was 'The Brick.'"

The camera he is referring to, also known as the C-3 model, was a low-priced rangefinder camera that was mass produced from 1939 to 1966. It was the best selling 35 mm camera in the world for nearly three decades. It was commonly known as 'The Brick' by photographers due to its weight, shape and size.

Smith speaks highly of the innovative Argus brand.

"I collect Argus cameras because next to Kodak, they were the most important camera maker in North America. They're still in business, even though they're just a small company now. They made some nice cameras and I'm usually on the lookout to add to my collection of Argus cameras."

Though most of the cameras aren't worth a ton of money, their sentimental value is high enough for Smith.

"There are lots of interesting cameras out there to find when you get into it. The history of them is kind of neat too."

On Saturday, July 19, Smith could be seen at Stanhope Heritage Days where he brought out part of his collection with him. In addition to talking about his collection, he was taking pictures of kids who put their heads through life-size cartoon cut-outs.

Smith will also be at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for the Minden Culture Club for Kids on Saturday, Aug. 2 to teach kids about pinhole cameras. For more information on this event, contact the Minden Hills Cultural Centre at 705 286-3154.■

Grocery Shopping From Your Home or Cottage

Easy Come. Easy Go. - Shops For You When You Don't Want To

By Mark Arike

Are you one of those people who look forward to coming to the cottage for a weekend or longer without the hassles? Or maybe you live far away from the supermarket, don't have access to a vehicle and are in dire need of getting some supplies fast?

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In today's day and age, most people's busy schedules are leaving them with little time for themselves and their families. It's easy to get wrapped up with work, looking after the kids, running errands, or all of the above.

That's precisely why Barbara-Anne Elstone decided to launch her own business last summer catered towards cottagers, those who value their free time and at the same token, desire more of it.

"For a long time, people have been telling me that they have a hard time going grocery shopping on the weekends," says Elstone who has lived in the County with her husband for the past 12 years.

Prior to living in the County, Elstone lived in places like British Columbia and Peterborough. She also worked in resorts where she says she experienced "the whole cleaning shtick."

Not only has she been developing her new business, but she also has a full-time job at Patient News in Haliburton in sales. Working in the customer service industry, she says, is something that has benefitted her in going into this business venture.

Elstone says that going into the personal shopping and delivery business is something she's never done before. However, she feels confident in her abilities and people skills to reach or surpass people's expectations.

"Because I've worked in the customer service industry for my whole life, I thought I'd be really good at doing this. It's a service-based industry and I feel like I can make people's experiences in Haliburton County even better than they already are," she says.

Initially, the business launched without its web site www.easycomeeasygo.ca. In the middle of last winter, the site was in the stage of getting developed.

"I started working with an online expert. She used to work at Patient News," explains Elstone. "The web site was launched in the fall of last year."

If you haven't already figured it out, Easy Come. Easy Go. is an online service where customers can purchase all the regular items found in a grocery store, as well as order alcoholic beverages – if, of course, they are of the legal drinking age.

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But that's not all. Sometime this year, a new, additional service will be available to cottagers.

"I'll have a cottage watch service for those who want someone to check on their place. I'd make sure their place is safe, and do the cleaning if that's what they wanted."

As well, Elstone is planning on upgrading the format in which the order form is presented on her website. As it stands right now, customers manually fill-in what items they want by typing in text. Once this is changed, a customer will only have to click on what it is they want, which will in turn add that item to their online shopping cart.

The goal is make the site as user-friendly as possible so that it runs much in the same way as other popular and established shopping sites do.

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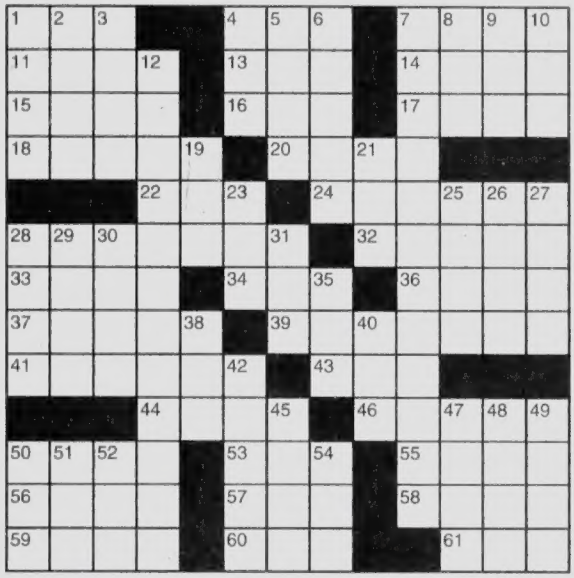

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2nd 'Blues at the Delta' Show by Kashaga Productions

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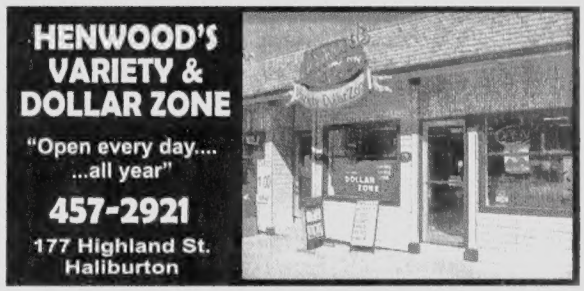
Ringo Starr, Chris Rea and J.J. Cale. David and his band performed a special acoustic set in front of a live audience that was broadcast across Germany on Radio Bremen in conjunction with his one hour special "On The Tracks". As part of the tour, Gogo also stopped in France to perform a few CD launch shows, including a two night stand in Paris and the band was featured performing a live session at the famous Maida Vale Studios (Led Zeppelin, The Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd) in London for BBC Radio 2 in the UK in January 2008.

In late March, Gogo returned to perform a sizzling two week headline tour that saw him back in Denmark to play for new found fans and in the Benelux, where he topped the bill on the Bierbeek Blues D'Up Festival and created a buzz through his widespread media appearances.

Success breeds success and legendary British guitarist Robin Trower heard the buzz on David Gogo and invited him to support his upcoming tour in Germany April 28 – May 3, 2008. Gogo jumped at the chance to open for one of his heroes and indicated that he is "very excited to be touring with Robin Trower as a longtime fan."

The two time Maple Blues "Guitarist of The Year" is featured in the May issue of GUITAR magazine in Germany and will return to Canada to perform some select shows throughout the summer before returning to Europe in the fall for a major headline tour.

For more on Gogo, visit his web site at www.davidgogo.com.



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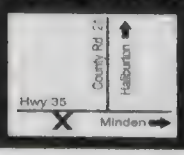

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Dumb Criminals

How do you stop a mugger who steals purses from women in his tracks? That's easy, put a parked car in his tracks. I wish I was kidding. If it's this easy to stop muggers, then maybe the police department will ease up on parking restrictions.According to the AP, a purse thief was foiled by a parked car. Apparently he just ran into it meaning that the car did more to stop a thief than the annoying car alarm inside ever could. The thief threatened the woman with a box cutter then took off with her purse. He looked back at her to make sure he wasn't being followed and failed to notice the large hunk of metal and rubber in his path. He hit the car so hard that he dropped the purse and left a huge dent in the car. He got away, but fortunately he left his dignity behind at the scene.

Kevin Kelshaw, a spokesperson for the St. John County Sheriff's Office in Florida, said a woman mowing her lawn observed a car parked next to her vehicle on the afternoon of August 17. The pair then drove away and the woman noticed that one of her car doors was open. Several personal items had been ransacked and there was an unidentified cellphone on the seat.The phone rang later as deputies investigated the crime scene. A deputy picked up the call and discovered that the phone's owner and alleged car thief, Stout, was on the other end. Stout met the deputy at an arranged location at about 4:30 p.m. Also present at the meeting was the car owner, who identified Stout as the man she saw near her car.The 19-year-old car suspect was questioned and then arrested after deputies found a stereo in his possession that had been reported stolen.

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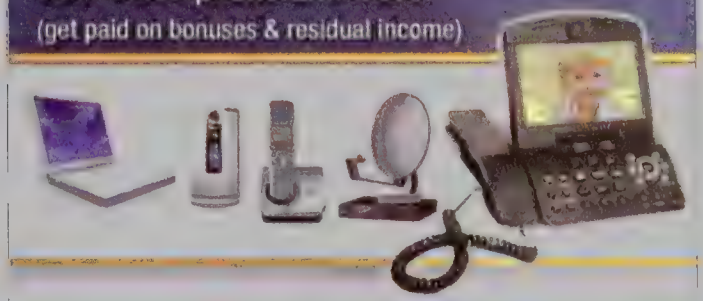

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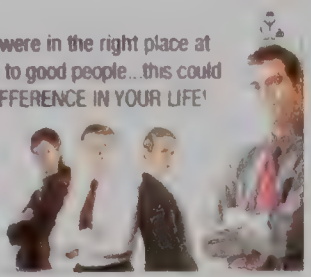

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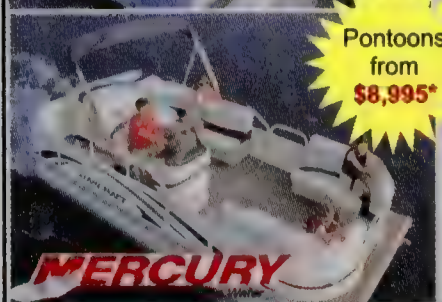

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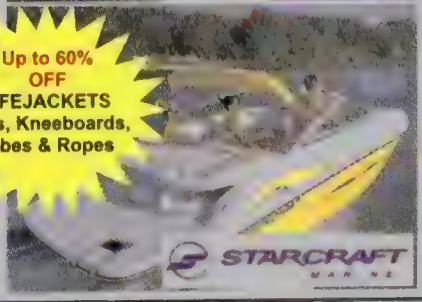
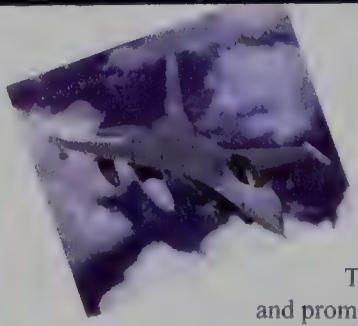


Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



That's Life... by the Bashful Comic

A C-130 was lumbering along when a cocky F-16 flashed by. The jet jockey decided to show off.

The fighter jock told the C-130 pilot, 'watch this!' and promptly went into a barrel roll followed by a steep climb. He then finished with a sonic boom as he broke the sound barrier. The F-16 pilot asked the C-130 pilot what he thought of that?

The C-130 pilot said, 'That was impressive, but watch this!'

The C-130 droned along for about 5 minutes and then the C-130 pilot came back on and said: 'What did you think of that?'

Puzzled, the F-16 pilot asked, 'What the heck did you do?'

The C-130 pilot chuckled. 'I stood up, stretched my legs, walked to the back, went to the bathroom, then got a cup of coffee and a cinnamon bun.'

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The Fiery Grill is Smokin'

by John R Van Veld

As you walk through the parking lot toward the front door of downtown Dorset's Fiery Grill, you're greeted by the sounds of cool blues emanating from the building.

As you cross the threshold the sweet and savory aromas strike you, inviting you to come in and get comfortable in the main dining room, or at the sit down bar, where the grill's staff prompt, courteous, and fun, greet you and make you feel at home. If home is New Orleans' Bourbon Street.

The Fiery Grill Boasts a Cajun, Creole, and Canadian menu, featuring their own recipes including Blackened Chicken & Blackened Steak. That's right, they even serve Jambalaya, and "Catfish Morceaux"... hand breaded catfish fillets, served with Louisiana Remoulane Sauce. Of course they also have a tantalizing Vegetarian menu, and fresh daily features to offer.

If it all sounds rather spicy, don't fret. The menu comes with a pepper guide to indicate the level of spicy for those who might enjoy something a little less hot on the pallet.

Big on Barbeque, all of the Fiery Grill's ribs, chicken, and fish, are smoked on sight, before grilling. They also offer a pick up service to feed up to fifteen people in one package, for example, you can get an entire prime rib, with all of the fixin's, for those days when you've got too many friends at the cottage.

Their featured desert, "The Fiery Bomb", is a spicy chipolata chocolate ice cream with a Jack Daniel's filled white chocolate truffle inside, specially made for The Fiery Grill.

Owner / Operator Gillian Douglas says Head chef, Kyle, (Hot Carl), Flear does an excellent job in the kitchen, as well as on the patio deck outdoor Barbeque.

The Grill also offers its own brand of spices and house dressings made locally by "Yummies in a Jar". Douglas herself grows over 1100 pepper plants for use in the Grill for their various dishes, smokes them, and sends them off to Yummies in a Jar for production. You can purchase the "Fiery Spice" directly from the restaurant, or pick it up at Robinson's general store if you can't get enough of that Cajun flavor.

Douglas says that they also belong to "Savor Muskoka" and support as many local businesses through their operation as possible, by purchasing produce and product in the Haliburton, and Muskoka area.

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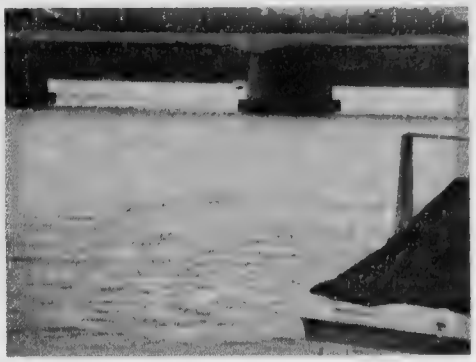

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The Fiery Grill also features a two tier patio over looking a spectacular view of Lake of bays, and Little Trading bay. For both summer and winter, this channel side restaurant offers more than just Cajun food and hospitality, but it also offers the opportunity to see some of the nicest boats in the region, and watch winter snowmobilers attempt to run the open channel as you watch from inside the warm comfort of the restaurant.

Located just over the bridge from Dorset's biggest tourist attraction, (Robinson's General Store), there is ample parking, and lots of room.

Average cost for dinner, (not including alcohol, tax or Gratuity) is about thirty dollars per person, for lunch it's about twenty dollars per person.

The Fiery Grill is open seven days a week during Dorset's busy summer season and reservations are highly recommended.

You can contact the Fiery Grill at (705) 766 – 2344, or check out their website at www.fierygrill.com, or you can contact them on the net at info@fierygrill.ca.

COTTAGE NEWS

Kennisis Lake Cottage Owner's Association Events:

Gail's Fun Run 2008! Sunday August 31, 2008 at 9:30am behind "Kennisis Lake Store"

Kennisis Summer Church - Services Sunday's at the Wildlife Lecture Building @10:00 am (July 6th to August 24th)

Miskwabi Area Cottager's Association (Miskwabi, Long, Negaunee & Wenona Lakes)

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Prepare to Be Dazzled

Concerts on a Floating Stage and More at this Year's Forest Festival

By Mark Arike

The stage will be set at a stunning lakefront amphitheatre.

Canadian musicians and performers will leave you breathless in 11 separate concerts.

And the magic of a spectacular wilderness surrounding will leave you with a sense of peace and tranquility throughout your mind, body and soul.

The 2008 Forest Festival, presented by R. Murray Schafer's Patria Music/Theatre, is set to take centre stage at the Haliburton Forest, located north of West Guilford, from Friday, Aug. 22 – Sunday, Aug. 31.

The festival, in its first official year, will present a wide variety of artistic activities in the majestic wilderness setting of the forest. A similar event was also held last year however it was used as a test-run to see how well the festival would be accepted.

"This started out as a Patria Music project four years ago," says Lesley English, General Manager of the festival. "Last year was a transitional year and it was introduced with the concept of having three different concerts."

Also at this year's Forest Festival, a brand-new wilderness dance component as well as a major expansion of the EcoArt initiative begun last season will be featured.

Under the direction of Reinhard Reitzenstein, six artists are beginning work in early August on site-specific wilderness art installations along forest trails north of the Haliburton Forest base camp. This major initiative will be developed annually for the next thirty years, and will become known as The Landart Project. Admission to this particular area is free to the general public.

The setting of this festival is at Bone Lake; a completely secluded lake reserved for exclusive use by the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve. The Haliburton Forest is Canada's first "certified sustainable forest", meeting the stringent standards of the Forest Stewardship Council, which is supported by the World Wildlife Fund and Sierra Club. The Forest's 60,000 acres of rolling hardwood forests, pristine lakes, meandering rivers and extensive wetlands make it a nature enthusiast's dream.

Founder of the event, R. Murray Schafer, will also be live in attendance to explain his concepts of environmental art, why he chose Haliburton Forest as the site for The Enchanted Forest, The Princess of the Stars and other productions from his unique Patria Cycle, and the joys and rigours of mounting operas in the woods.

Schafer will be joined by his principal designer Jerrard Smith in this illustrated overview of Patria, which has been called the most wildly imaginative and physically ambitious series of music theatre works in the history of the Canadian stage.

This unusual event is free to the general public and will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, August 29 at Haliburton Forest Base Camp's seminar room (near the restaurant). Meet these wonderful artists and have them answer your questions and find out why the Toronto Star says that "There is nothing like Patria in the history of Canadian musical theatre, either in ambition, scope or mythmaking potency."

The event venue, constructed in 2006, is the stunning Bone Lake amphitheatre. The amphitheatre accommodates 500, with seating on a "first come" basis. In order to maximize involvement and enchantment with the natural world, the structure is uncovered.

With this open setting, the stars and moon emerge in full view after sunset, and then slowly fade in the majesty of dawn. All seating has an excellent view of the lake and when used for Sunset Concerts - floating stages are utilized.

Access to the amphitheatre from N. Kennesis Lake Road is provided by a lantern-lit broad forest path built up with wood chips. There are portable washrooms at the site and a concession stand. The site is not wheel-chair accessible.

Single tickets, as well as packages can be purchased for the entire festival. A single adult pass for one evening concert or full-length performance goes for $30 and a student ticket is $20. A single ticket for an afternoon performance is $15 for adults and $10 for students. A day festival pass, which is good for all performances and concerts, comes at a cost of $150 for adults and $120 for students.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.theforestfestival.com/tickets.html or by calling 705 754-4167. Email inquiries can also be sent to

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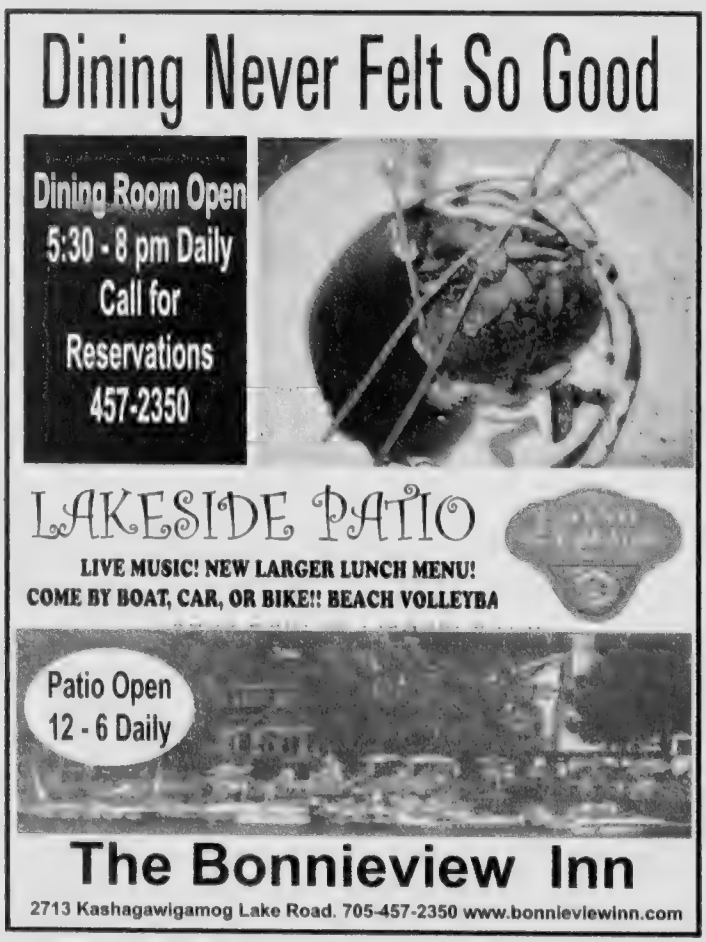

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Lesley English, General Manager of the festival, at admin@theforest-festival.com. Directions to the site, rules and accommodations and other information can all be found online at the festival web site wwwthe-forestfestival.com.

See below for scheduled performances taking place over the course of the festival.

Forest Festival Schedule

Sunset Concert #1
Friday, Aug. 22
7:45 p.m. at Bone Lake
Primadonna Goes Into The Woods
Mary Lou Fallis with Peter Tiefenbach

Saturday, Aug. 23
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Bone Lake
Stuart Laughton, trumpet, with Peter Tiefenbach

Sunset Concert #2
7:45 p.m. at Bone Lake
Primadonna Goes Into The Woods
Mary Lou Fallis with Peter Tiefenbach

Sunset Concert #3
Monday, Aug. 25
7:45 p.m. at Bone Lake
Haliburton area performers TBA

Tuesday, Aug. 26
7:30 p.m. at the Logging Museum
Words and Music
Porkbelly Futures with literary readings by writer Paul Quarrington

Wednesday, Aug. 27
7:30 p.m. at the Logging Museum
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Thursday, Aug. 28
7:30 p.m. at the Logging Museum
Words and Music
Porkbelly Futures with literary readings by writer Paul Quarrington

Sunset Concert #4
Friday, Aug. 29
7:45 p.m. at Bone Lake
Drumming to the Stars
OnnanoKo Drumming Ensemble
7:45 PM at Bone Lake

Saturday, Aug. 30
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Bone Lake
OnnanoKo Drumming Ensemble

Sunset Concert #5
Saturday, Aug. 30
7:45 p.m. at Bone Lake
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Sunset Concert #6
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by Lynne Kilby

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August 16 - **Yard Sale** at the Railway Station, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sell your treasures. Book your spot. Call Yvette at 488-2282. Proceeds will help support the **Special Olympics**.

August 16 - Treasures lay in waiting for you to discover at the **Friends of the Library Book Sale**, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at the lower level of Kinmount Public Library.

August 16 - Enjoy savory **Bistro Night at Harmony Farm**, Prix Fixe, 3 course, reservations required. Call 705-488-1749/705-488-3300 or visit harmonyfarm.ca.

August 26 - 31 - Treat yourself to a scrumptious **Breakfast at the Royal Canadian Legion**, Branch 441, served by the Ladies Auxiliary from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. On August 26 enjoy **All You Can Eat Spaghetti** and on August 27 a succulent **Roast Beef Dinner.** Both dinners served from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at a cost of $10.00. Everyone is welcome!

Ongoing Events:

Get a taste of **Kinmount Farmer's Market,** Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park beside Kinmount Railway Station

Bring your lawn chair, relax and enjoy an evening of **Music in the Park**, a free summer concert series at **6:30 p.m. every Thursday** through July & August at beautiful Austin Sawmill Heritage Park Sponsored by Kinmount & District Lions Club.

At Kinmount Railroad Station view **Kinmount Model Railroad Display** and **Artists at the Station** on weekends through July & August.

Kinmount Public Library offers a **Summer Reading Program** for kids entitled Laugh Out Loud Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Call 488-3199 for more information.

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Please call me at (705) 488-2919 or E-mail me at lynne.kilby@sympatico.ca to share news or advertise an event or activity. See you in Kinmount!!!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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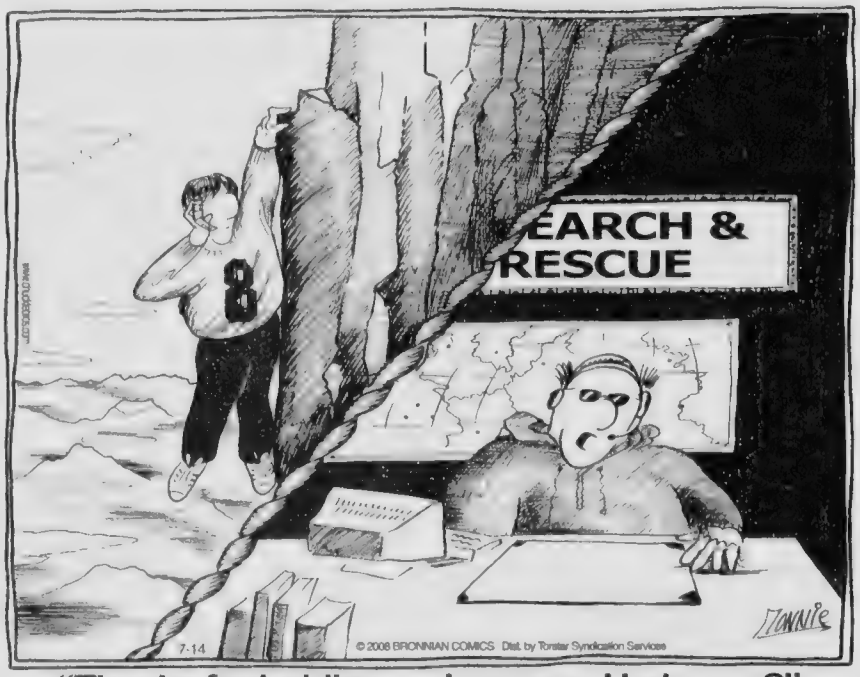

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Scientifically Speaking

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A River Needs to Run

A Dramatic Play for All

The Conjurors of County Town are proudly showing the play *A River Needs to Run* this August at the Minden Cultural Centre. The show is the third outdoor theatre production at the museum grounds, following *A Study in Scheming*, and last year's hit musical *The Last of the Great White Pines*. This year's play was written by Minden playwright Michael Fay.

Set at the 1935 Dedication of a Hydro Dam on the Gull River just north of Minden, *A River Needs to Run* explores water issues from a contemporary and historic perspective through the eyes of a feminist reporter, a union organizer, an engineer, a landscape artist, a financier and his mistress.

The play promises to be a fine piece of entertainment, but Michael Fay also believes that it contains strong social messages. "There is a very real concern about the use of water today. A good way to look at this issue is through the prism of history. The building of the Minden dam in 1935 marks the beginning of water as a commodity. It's when it began to been seen as something to buy and sell. It started with small dams like the one in Minden, then bigger ones on the Saint Lawrence River and in Northern Quebec, and then even bigger ones in Brazil and China," Fay said. "Water use is one issue in the play. There are also the social problems of the 1930s. There was the movement to conquer the world through progress, and the movement to exploit people. With the Minden dam, they tried to make an advanced industrial structure as cheaply as possible. This meant using relief camp workers who were severely oppressed and poorly paid."

"With all of these things going on, there is an inherent drama between rival factions," Fay said. "I added a bit of romance and some action, and I had a story. I believe that people are going to enjoy the play. It gives local people an opportunity to look into their own history."

A River Needs to Run is being directed by Haliburton native Mark Johnston. While he is excited to direct the show, he realizes that there are some challenges. "One of my biggest challengers as a director is to make the play and story relatable and enjoyable to the audience. At the same time I need to make sure that the social messages of the play get across. To do all of this I need to ensure that the characters are as real as possible," Johnston said. "Michael writes with a romantic and witty language, and I need to make sure that audience understands it. I've had some difficulties casting the play, but thankfully they have been resolved."

The play features an all-local cast, including Shane Dibblee, Emily Stonehouse, John Miller, and Benton Brown of Haliburton, Aaron King of Wilberforce, and Donald's Noelia Marziali. With such a talented cast, the play promises to be an extremely entertaining and educational experience.

The show will be running August 21, 22 and 23 at 6pm. There will be a matinee on August 24 at 2pm. Tickets can be purchased at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Tickets cost $15 for Adults, in advance; $18 at the door. Minden Hills Cultural Centre members can get tickets for $12.50. Tickets for children cost $5. The Cultural Centre can be contacted at 286-2808.

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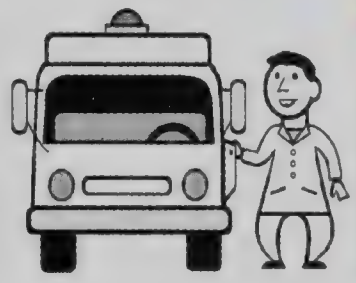

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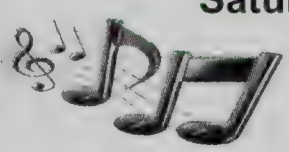

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From Haliburton to the Himalayas

A Minden Boy's Epic In

India is certainly a very different place than the Haliburton Highlands. The weather, culture, religion, people, lifestyle, and almost everything else is different."

India is approximately 11,000 Kilometres from Haliburton County. That's a very long distance to travel, but one local boy recently made the journey. Pranav 'Pro' Trivedi has lived in Minden for the last five years, but this summer he has returned to the land of his ancestors with his family on a journey of discovery, and to learn why India was often described as "the jewel in the crown."

For a young man of 20, Trivedi has seen a great deal of the world. "I was born in London, England, and raised in Virginia. I moved to Canada about eight years go. I lived in Scarborough for a few years, and then I made the move up to Minden," he said. "My parents are both from India, so we've travelled to India several times in the past to visit family." These trips, however, were very short. This summer, he will be in the 'land of three lions' for many weeks.

The Communicator caught up with Trivedi by phone when he stopped his pan Indian travels for a night's rest in the small village of Baroda in the western state of Gujarat.

This Indian excursion is of particular importance to Trivedi and his family because he is undergoing an ancient and sacred Hindu right of passage. "I'm a Brahmin, which was the highest caste when the Indian caste system still formally existed. A Brahmin is somebody taught to have peace in life, and teach others the principles of life. The caste beneath the Brahmin was the Kshatriyas, who are considered warriors. Brahmin are born to teach, and Kshatriyas are born to fight. They can never do both. I'm a Hindu, and in my religion, Brahmins are born twice. Once at birth, and then when they receive the Janoy, which is a necklace made from three strings braided together."

Last week Trivedi underwent 'his second birth' as a Brahmin. He and his family spent two days of continuous prayer in a remote Guatmeshwa temple in the small village of Sihor. "After two days of prayer my head was shaven with a straight blade, and I had to take a series of oaths. After the oaths, the priests told me to run. It was my uncles' duty to try and catch me. I had six uncles at the ceremony, so they caught me pretty easily. Afterwards we rode decorated horses and elephants, and danced for hours. It may sound unusual, but it's all part of ancient Hindu tradition."

Trivedi was fortunate to have his Janoy ceremony at the Guatmeshwa temple. "Never before has the temple Swimiji, [priest] allowed a Janoy ceremony to take place there," Trividi said. "But my family has a close connection with the Swimiji. We've known him for many decades. He used to teach with my grandmother, so there is a special bond between our two families. He therefore allowed us to have my Janoy ceremony in his temple. I was very fortunate."

After Trivedi's ceremony was complete, he began his Indian travels with his father, mother, and younger sister. In a journey taking weeks, they crossed the Indian subcontinent, and made it all the way to the Himalayas. Trivedi saw many marvelous things on his voyage. He stopped in Agra, where he saw the world famous Taj Mahal. "The mausoleum was built under the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his favorite wife, Mumtaz Mahal. It was completed in 1648, and is considered to be the jewel of Muslim art in India. It's certainly one of the most admired architectural masterpieces in the entire world. I was really excited to see the Taj Mahal, but it was closed when we arrived. We only could admire it from

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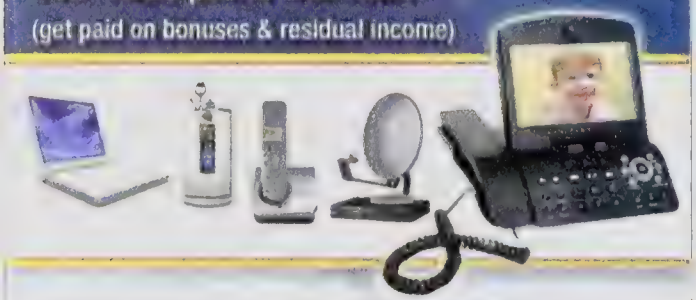

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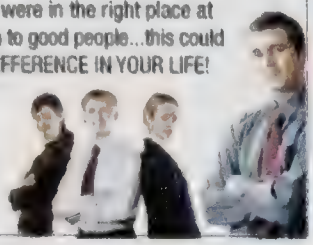

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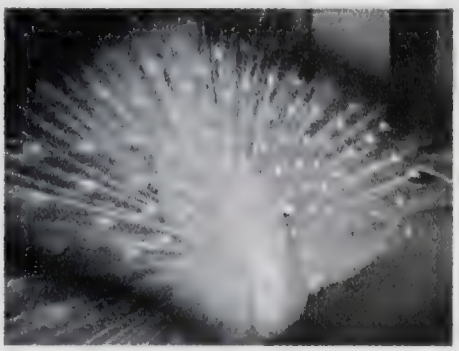
outside the grounds. It was disappointing, considering we drove three hours to get there," he said.

From Agra Trivedi drove to Dehli, where he saw the Qutub Minar, "the tallest brick minaret in the world." A minaret is an architectural feature of an Islamic mosque. They're generally tall spires with onion-shaped crowns, much taller than any surrounding structure. "The Qutub Minar is 72.5 metres tall, and the entire text of the Koran is written on the outside of the tower," he said. "It's a really impressive architectural feat, and very beautiful. It's hundreds of hundreds of years old. It was made long before Europeans travelled to North American, and long before Haliburton County was colonized. Seeing something so old...it really puts things into perspective."

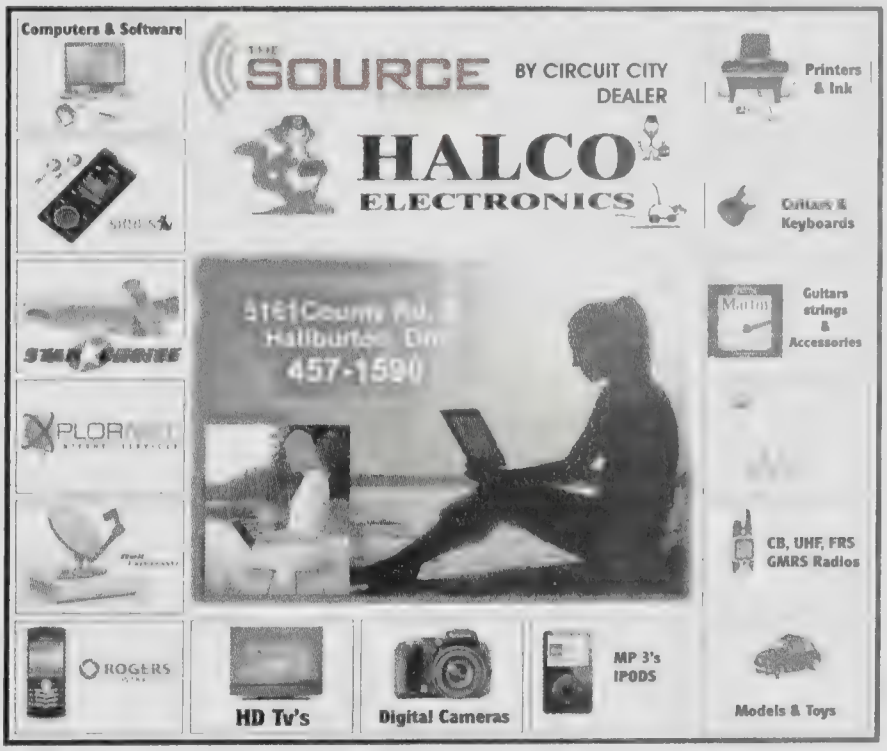


Trivedi's adventures took him next to New Delhi, where he saw the great Lotus Temple. "The Lotus temple is really impressive, because it's a gigantic, beautiful structure shaped just like a lotus flower. It amazing how much it looks like a flower. It's a Bahá'í House of Worship, and four million people come and see it each year. I've never seen architecture quiet like it."

From New Delhi, Trivedi and his family traveled to the 'Ganges' River. "The Ganges River is actually called the Ganga. The British colonial administration called it the Ganges though," he said. "According to Hindus the River Ganga is sacred. It is worshiped by Hindus and considered to be a Devi goddess. Our belief is that bathing in the river causes the forgiveness of sins and helps attain salvation." When Trivedi arrived at the banks of the Ganga, he saw thousands of people wading into the river. "Where I was on the Ganga, there was huge stone staircases descending in the river, and thousands of people were washing themselves in the water. It was amazing. I'd seen this happen before on television, but it's so much more fascinating in person. Seeing such an ancient ceremony take place was amazing. There's such a depth of culture here. Everything is just soaked in history."

After soaking up the Ganga experience, Trivedi crossed the river to the Himalaya Mountains. Travelling on a donkey through mountain passes, he visited ancient temples in one of the world's oldest mountain ranges.

After visiting the Himalayas, Trivedi and his family made the long journey back to Gujarat. They had covered thousands of kilometers of India by car, train, donkey, and horse. Trivedi and his family will be staying in India for several more weeks, during which they will relax with their extended family. "I've really enjoyed my time in India so far. But if you think summer in Haliburton is hot, try coming here. It's really, really, hot and humid," he said. "I've seen a lot of cool stuff in my travels in India, but I'm excited to return to Haliburton and enjoy the rest of my summer holidays."■



The Magic of Kinmount Fair

by Lynne Kilby

The magic is back! The mystical transformation of the hamlet of Kinmount lingers in the air as Kinmount prepares to play host to thousands of people who dare to experience the adventure of Kinmount Fair. This miracle takes place every Labour Day Weekend. The enigma of Kinmount Fair is long renowned. How does a hamlet of 300 people conjure up so many visitors? Year after year, with aid from a multitude of sources, the Board of Directors of Kinmount Agricultural Society works diligently to put on an extravagant affair that compels people to return time and time again.

One would have to be a magician in order to catch all the attractions at Kinmount Fair in a one-day visit. That is why many people choose to camp at the beautiful in-grounds trailer park where you can camp for a whole week. The trailer park offers an awesome oasis that allows campers to set their own pace choosing things they want to do and in between returning to their home away from home to sit back and relax.

What treats does enchanting Kinmount Fair hold in store for you this year? Headlining the Grandstand Show catch Country Superstar Aaron Lines at 2:00 p.m. Saturday. The action-packed Family Circus Show runs 3 times daily featuring the Globe of Death, Wheel of Destiny and Ground Aerial Trapeze Act. Cindy Cook from Polka Dot Door entertains 3 times daily in Kiddyland. Enjoy live entertainment & dances in the arena. The Saturday night dance features Ambush while Friendly Fire is featured at the Friday night dance and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Watch 2 exciting Demolition Derbies by Thrill Show Productions. Catch the Great Lakes Truck & Tractor Pull. Experience the Midway by World's Finest Shows. See the Warriors Day Parade. Relax and enjoy the Talent Show at the Pines Bandstand Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Visit The Mane Attractions petting zoo, also offering pony rides and an exotic animal display. Explore the Pioneer Heritage Complex this year focusing on Christmas in the pioneer days. Watch various events in the Show Rings. View the Fair Ambassador Competition and Agricultural, Homecraft and Horticultural Exhibits. Don't miss the variety of vendor booths and all the great food. You could even win $1,000 at Monster Bingo, a pre-fair event held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, August 28. Kinmount Fair offers something for everyone.

Contestants for the Fair Ambassador Competition are now being sought. All contestants receive monetary prizes and gifts. The Ambassador will represent Kinmount Fair at various events including the C.N.E. and a weekend convention at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. The title of Kinmount Fair Ambassador makes an impressive addition to a resume. The contest is open to any single male/female between ages 17 - 23 as of August 15, who resides in a 50 km radius of Kinmount. Once again, an invitation is extended to past Fair Queens & Ambassadors to join in the fun by digging out their crowns and sashes and taking part in the 2008 Kinmount Fair Parade. Boys and girls 3 - 8 years of age are invited to design a crown and participate in the Future Ambassadors Procession during the Fair Ambassador Pageant on Friday, August 29 at 2:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Complex Tea Garden. For further Ambassador information, contact doug.pearson@sympatico.ca or phone (705) 488-2547.

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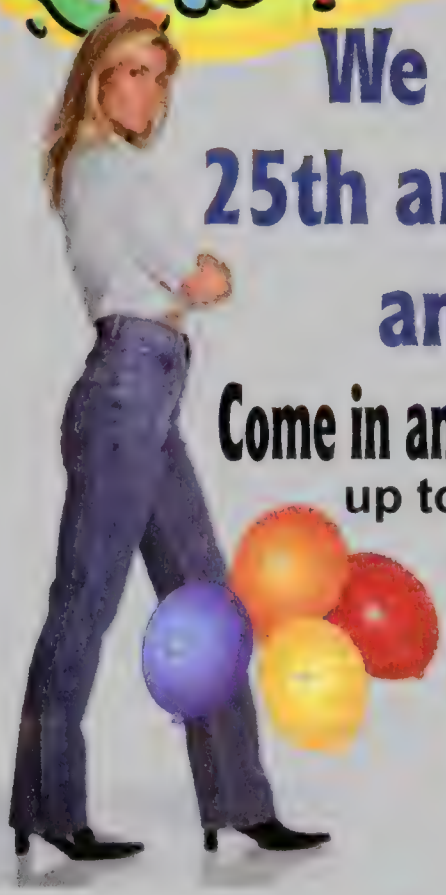

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Albright Electric

By Mark Arike

Albright Electric has been serving customers for over 60 years. The man responsible for incorporating the business in 1946 was Frank Albright, whose motto was "to get the job done right the first time around."

Today, his son Milton and wife Peggy keep the business running strong and continue to pride themselves in providing the best workmanship possible.

"We are a high-end contractor," says Peggy about the couples business.

Albright Electric, operated out of Pickering and serving the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), is now offering their electrical services right here in Haliburton County.

Since the 1930's, Albright Electric has provided electrical services throughout the Toronto area. Milton's father Frank became the 27th electrician in Ontario to be certified as a Master Electrician. Under his father's guidance, Milton learned all the tricks of the trade and is also a Master Electrician.

The personal qualification of Master Electrician is issued by the Ministry of Skills Development. It's the licensing of contracting companies that is handled by the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) through the Electrical Contractor Regulation Agency (ECRA).

Milton is a licensed Master Electrician through the Ministry and Albright Electric is licensed through ECRA. To obtain ECRA licensing, a company must provide proof of a Master Electrician, liability insurance, workers comp coverage, etc. The ESA also has the approved contractors program or ACP which is only granted to licensed contractors who maintain strict defect ratios on workmanship.

Milton received his education from George Brown College after studying electrical construction and maintenance, and every year he upgrades his skills to be at the top of his game. He took over the family business in 1990 following his studies and apprenticing.

According to Peggy, many of Albright's clients have been with the company for a very long time.

"We have over 4000 clients in our computer database. A lot of them knew Milton's while he was growing up," she says.

In 1992, journeyman electrician Dean MacDonald joined the company as a basic level apprentice. Dean joined the company as a basic level apprentice and is now a master electrician and crew foreman with Albright.

Peggy was introduced to the business in 1988 and has been married to Milton for the past 22 years. She acts as the office manager and helps to keep all operations running smoothly.

Milton recalls how important exceeding client expectations were to his father. Peggy describes how developing strong relationships with his clients was also extremely important.

"My dad was an 'old school' electrician. Everything he did was guaranteed 100 per cent for life," says Milton, while Peggy adds, "His relationship with clients was personally meaningful to Frank and continues to be with Milton. His father continued to keep in touch with his client's until his passing earlier this year at age 89."

So when and why did the pair decide to start coming to the Highlands?

The two started coming to the Haliburton area eight years ago when their daughters started attending Camp Adelaide. Their search for a cottage began four years ago.

"On that search is when we noticed that a lot of cottages need work to bring them into code compliance and to make them safe, not to mention, sellable," says Peggy. "People should always demand with proof a certified electrician (personal qualification of the individual) and one who is a licensed contractor. Also demand work permits with an inspection certificate from the ESA."

Their cottage, which is situated right by Stormy Lake, has a spectacular waterfront view. And of course, Milton did all the electrical upgrades in the cottage himself. He says he discovered two major defects with his cottage after purchasing it.

"We've always made it a point to come up here. We also fell in love with the people," said Peggy. "There's no doubt in my mind that I'll retire here," adds Milton.

According to Milton, a majority of the local cottages are in dire need of some work. For your protection, security and safety, the company has some tips on their web site that state: 1) always demand a certified electrician, 2) always demand a permit, and 3) always demand an inspection.

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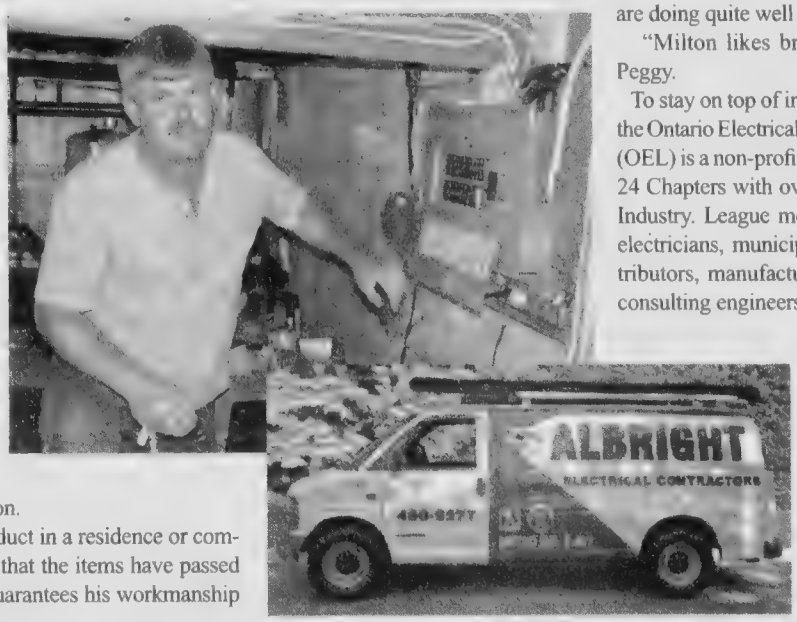

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Both say they go over and above the call of duty when it comes to providing their services.

"In terms of doing work above code, as the code is the minimum requirements, and with respect to product endorsement, Milton always says to all the staff, 'treat the customers house as if it were your own," said Peggy.

"We're above code," adds Milton.

Before installing or using a product in a residence or commercial building, Milton ensures that the items have passed his own rigorous tests. He also guarantees his workmanship for life.

"Before installing any product in your home, it's tested in mine," said Milton. "We torture the product first before we install it. We'll recommend things that we have personally used. If there is a product that you want to use, we'll let you know when it will break down."

"There are so many products out there," adds Peggy. "Milton is very particular of what brands and products he will use or recommend."

Milton particularly enjoys working on restoring electrical systems in historic homes. He says he likes the challenge they offer.

"You have to understand the structure to do the electrical work on a historical home," he says. And the jobs he prefers to take on range anywhere between $200.00 and $30,000 in cost (in any kind of neighbourhood).

Milton says that about 80 per cent of the projects he works on are residential. He tends to stay away from the bigger projects, like subdivisions, because he says that everything in those homes has to be done for a cheap price.

"He tends to stay away from new construction subdivisions as everything is done to the bare bone minimum standard," says Peggy.

Each day, Milton tries to find fulfillment in his job and takes comfort in the thought that he has on many occasions saved homes and families from fire and shock hazards.

"I've seen some scary situations in my 30 years in the trade," he says. "I say that everyday I go to work, I save someone's life."

Milton also likes to introduce new people into the business. Many of his apprentices have been hired on with electrical companies and are doing quite well for themselves.

"Milton likes bringing people into the trade," says Peggy.

To stay on top of industry trends, the two are members of the Ontario Electrical League. The Ontario Electrical League (OEL) is a non-profit, Provincial organization, dedicated to 24 Chapters with over 2500 members from the Electrical Industry. League members include electrical contractors, electricians, municipal utilities, electrical inspectors, distributors, manufacturers, manufacturer's representatives, consulting engineers and educators. One of the benefits of attending OEL meetings is getting the chance to see and learn about some of the latest products

Milton and Peggy say that due to the reputation the company has built over the years, clients can expect nothing but the best.

With growing up in the business, being involved for 30 years full-time in the trade and acting as an owner/operator for almost 20 years, Milton is a true industry professional.

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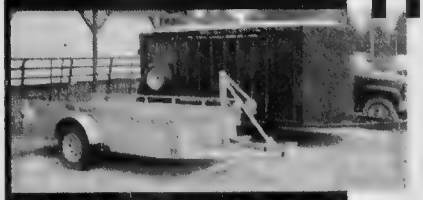

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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

Poisonous Relationships

While wife was found guilty and hanged, it remains uncertain if she actually helped kill hubby

Edith and Percy Thompson were ordinary folks in every way. Both were unlikely candidates to have their photographs and stories featured on the front pages of the leading newspapers of their day. Yet, even at this late date, the fairness of the murder case that enveloped these ordinary people is still being discussed and argued.

Edith was employed with the millinery wholesale firm of Carlton and Prior. Percy worked as a clerk. At the outbreak of the First World War in 1914, he joined the London Scottish Regiment, but his military career was cut short when he was discharged after a few months for medical reasons. It seems Percy had a weak heart.

A year after his discharge, Percy married Edith and the couple settled down in Ilford, a suburb of London, England. Percy was content. This was the way life should be -- off to work in the morning, home to an ordinary house to spend an ordinary evening with an ordinary wife.

Edith was bored sick. There had to be more to life than this. Percy wanted children. Edith abhorred the thought. She read a great deal, mostly romantic fiction. If only she could lead the exciting lives of her fictional heroines instead of her boring life with boring Percy. Year after tedious year passed. Edith was decidedly out of love with her husband. Her risque romantic novels were her only refuge.

Then, Lady Luck called on Edith in the person of Fred Bywaters, a 20-year-old stud employed as a laundry steward on an ocean liner. Edith was an experienced 28, at least in a widely read sort of way. Freddy lived with his mother, not that far from the Thompsons. Despite his tender age, virile Freddy had spent three years at sea by 1921, when Fate shook hands with Lady Luck, assuring that life for the three principal players in our murderous drama would never be the same again.

The Thompsons decided to vacation that June of 1921 on the Isle of Wight. Edith's sister Avis accompanied them. So did Freddy. No doubt the Thompsons were playing Cupid. What would be more pleasant than to nurture a romance between Freddy and Avis. Who knows, maybe Avis should have tried harder.

At any rate, it just didn't work out that way. Edith fell like a load of bricks for Freddy. There was the beach, the sea breeze and whatever else Freddy had in abundance. It was true love. As for Freddy, he was physically attracted to Edith and no doubt grew to be fond of her. Edith in particular couldn't totally hide her feelings. You know what I mean -- the knowing glance, the tender touch. Sure, Percy knew they liked each other. What he didn't know was that his wife was madly in love.

When they returned from holidays, Freddy, who was on extended leave from his ship, stayed at the Thompsons' as a paying guest. One day in August, the three were in the garden at the back of the house. Edith was sewing. She looked up and said, "I want a pin." Freddy offered to get her one and went indoors. When he returned, Edith and Percy were arguing. Percy told Edith that she should have fetched the pin herself. Exasperated, Edith went inside to prepare tea. Percy fol-

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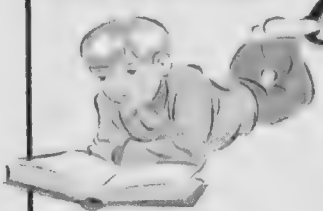
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lowed and threw Edith across the room. Freddy, hearing the noise, rushed in and told Percy to stop. He shouted, "Why don't you come to an amicable agreement? Either you can have a separation or you can get a divorce."

Percy replied, "I don't see that it concerns you."

Freddy countered, "You are making Edie's life a hell. You know she is not happy with you."

"Well, I've got her and I will keep her."

Embarrassed, Edith went to her room. Freddy and Percy continued to discuss their predicament. In the end, Percy promised not to strike Edith again, but refused to grant her a divorce. Freddy moved out of the Thompson home.

On Sept. 9, 1921, Freddy sailed away on the good ship Morea to the more agreeable climes of Marseilles, Port Said and other exotic ports of call. At each port, Freddy would receive sizzling love letters from Edith. On Oct. 29, he returned to a woman who was totally possessed with possessing FreddyBywaters.

In November, Freddy sailed away once more on the Morea. Again, love letters greeted him at every port. Edith cooled talk of divorce with Percy and turned on the charm to disarm him. She reported her every deception to her true love in those far away ports.

Freddy was away for a prolonged period of time. Edith's letters took on a more ominous tone. She sent clippings of poison cases to Freddy, with notes describing the ingredients. Freddy came home, made love, and sailed away again. The letters continued. A year passed in this disagreeable fashion.

On Sept. 23, 1922, Freddy was back in London, staying with his mother. On Oct. 3, he and Edith had tea together near her work. They left at 5:15 p.m.

That evening, Percy and Edith attended the theatre. Fred had dinner at the home of Edith's sister Avis and her father. After the theatre, Edith and Percy were walking home. Fred awaited their return. According to a statement later given by Fred, the following events transpired.

"When they neared Endsleigh Gardens, I pushed her to one side. I said to him, 'You have got to separate from your wife.' He said no. I said, 'You will have to.' We struggled. I took the knife from my pocket and we fought and he got the worst of it. Mrs. Thompson must have been spellbound, for I saw nothing of her during the fight. I ran away."

In all, Percy was stabbed 12 times and was dead by the time a doctor arrived. Freddy was taken into custody when a neighbour told of his connection to the victim's wife. Edith was taken to the police station. When she sighted Freddy through an open door, she exclaimed, "Oh, God, what can I do? Why did he do it? I did not want him to do it." Freddy confessed to the murder, insisting Edith had no part in the dastardly deed.

On Dec. 6, 1922, Freddy and Edith stood trial at the Old Bailey in one of the most sensational trials ever held in that bastion of infamous cases. Edith had destroyed Freddy's letters, but her letters to him contained the juicy meat of the trial. All were couched in obscure language, but their true meaning was in little doubt. Here is an example: "I was buoyed up with the hope of the light bulb and I used a lot -- big pieces, too -- not powdered, and it has no effect -- I quite expected to be able to send that cable -- but no, nothing has happened from it. I know I feel I shall never get him to take a sufficient quantity of anything bitter."

Despite the inference Edith had fed her husband ground glass, she denied doing any such thing. An autopsy of Percy's body did not reveal any signs of his having been fed glass or any type of poison.

There was no doubt Fred had murdered Percy. Edith's guilt was another matter. There was no hard evidence she had taken part in the murder.

Edith's lawyer, Sir Henry Curtis Bennett, one of the ablest defence lawyers of his day, brought out the fact Edith was a romance novel addict. He claimed she became so engrossed in these love stories, she existed in a world of dreams. She often imagined herself a character from one of her novels.

Both defendants were found guilty. When sentence of death was passed, Edith screamed, "I am not guilty, oh God, I am not guilty!"

In due course, Fred and Edith were hanged. Kindly jailers had seen to it that Edith was given morphine for several days before her execution. She was practically carried to the scaffold.

Like the Lizzie Borden case before it, the Bywaters-Thompson case has lived on, not because of the crime committed, but because of its unsatisfactory verdict.

Of Fred's guilt, there is no doubt, but it has long been contended it was never proven Edith had anything to do with her husband's murder. Certainly the fact she openly admitted to adultery was, at the time, frowned upon and prejudiced the court and the public.

It is one of those murder cases that leaves lingering doubts as to whether an innocent woman was hanged for a crime she didn't commit

Pictured:

1. Edith Thompson hanged for her helping murder her husband, Percy seen on pg. 30..
2. She was practically carried to the scaffold. Fred Bywaters actually did the deed.

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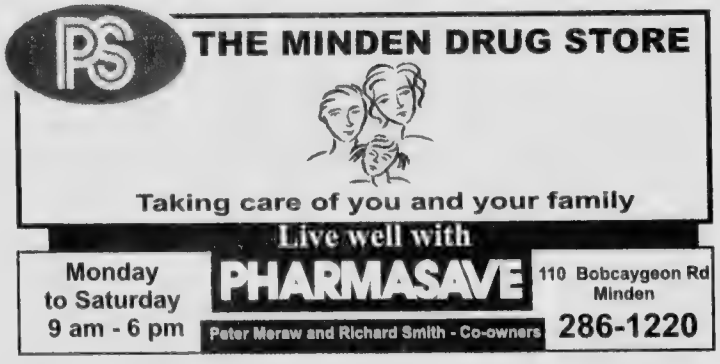

Reflections from SoulWinds

by Brenda Peddigrew

Every Day the Same Walk

I suppose there aren't more than four or five mornings of the year that we don't walk from our house on Clover Leaf Road down Old Mill Road to Elvin Johnson Park on the northern edge of Halls Lake. Those are the mornings when the temperature drops, usually January or early February, below -18. Somehow, when it's colder than that, breathing is difficult and not worth risking. On some days we wait until the temperature rises to that; it might be noon. But always we walk the same road, though in spring our faces are masked with mosquito netting. All the rest of the year, it is a walk of early morning, greeting all the varieties of weather. Two years ago, in August, the road was littered with trees and debris from the tornado, and we had to climb over huge dying trees to reach the houses on the lake's edge to see if anyone was hurt.

Some friends from the city own a cottage on the other side of the river, and they come up pretty often for weekends and longer periods in summer. At the beginning, they wanted to walk with us in the mornings, but soon they suggested we walk the other way, or take yet a third route – they were out for variety. These communal walks quickly came to an end – we wanted the sameness of the morning route. Other people stare at us, too polite to comment when we tell them this, but we are now into our fourth year of walking the same route without fail every morning.

Others' questions, as is so often the case, cause me to think seriously about why the same walk every day. The first response is that it is never the same walk. There is always something new on this one patch of road. Some days we have Arctic hare dashing back and forth across the road as if to tease us into following; then they disappear for days. We hear the Merlin falcon screeching most mornings, and we've rescued turtles in danger of being crushed by cars. The colors, shapes and patterns of growth and grass change every day, every season. A few times, we've slapped our sides and shouted at bears to get off the road and they do. We watch the seasons turning; lilies, trillium, milkweed in their dramatic seasons. When we reach the park the lake is always, always different. Geese and gulls, ducks and loons greet or run away from us. We stand and breathe, or give the dog Kai a good run, reveling in the ecstatic movement of her joy in running. But there are other reasons.

We live in a world of novelty, of throwing out things because we tire of them when they're still perfectly useful. We are surface people, bored by repetition and unable to settle in quiet. We want breadth, not depth.We fear silence and fill it as soon as possible. We multi-task, we cannot stop, we are sooooo busy. So doing the same walk every day is foreign for many – isn't there more to see? What if the "more to see" is right there, before our eyes, walking the same walk every day?

And really, isn't life itself, getting up in the morning, going to bed at night, at its heart walking the same road every day? What else is there?

try this: ***walk around with the question "what else is there but this?"***

Something In The Air

Haliburton County Residents Urged to Take Precautions to Cope With Smog Hazards

Suffering through a bad air day this summer? You're not alone in having to deal with the challenges of air pollution.

With Ontario experiencing more poor air quality, or smog, days, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit recommends local residents reduce the health hazards that come with smog exposure.

"Poor air quality can take a serious toll on a person's health, especially older adults, young children and those who suffer from cardio-respiratory problems," says Anne Alexander, Director of Environmental Health with the HKPR District Health Unit. "It's important to be aware of smog levels and take appropriate action."

People can easily check smog levels for their community, as Ontario's Ministry of the Environment does air quality monitoring each day and issues warnings when smog levels get too high. People can get updates by visiting www.airqualityontario.com or listening for smog advisories on local radio stations.

According to Alexander, people can improve air quality over the long-term by taking steps to "spare the air" and reduce pollution that causes smog. This includes: cutting down on driving and opting to walk, bike, take public transit or carpool; keeping a vehicle well-tuned to ensure it runs better and pollutes less; conserving energy at home and work by using energy-efficient appliances, turning off lights and using air conditioners less; and limiting the use of gas-powered small engines such as lawnmowers, chainsaws and leaf blowers.

Health concerns over smog were reinforced recently by new data released by the Ontario Medical Association (OMA). The data show air pollution is a factor in almost 9,500 premature deaths in Ontario each year, including an estimated 18 premature deaths in Haliburton County. The OMA notes that rural areas are suffering the effects of smog "equally, and sometimes even more" than large urban centres in Ontario. As Alexander notes: "Air pollution does not respect municipal borders."

To deal with smog, local residents should try to reduce their exposure.

This means on days with high smog levels, it's best to stay indoors in a cool, air-conditioned environment, especially for individuals who are vulnerable to the effects of smog. In general, people should avoid doing strenuous outdoor activities on smog days and, at the very least, "know their limits and pay attention to how they are feeling," Alexander adds.

Local residents can find out more information on coping with smog by visiting the Health Unit's web site at www.hkpr.on.ca . During 2007, Ontario's Ministry of Environment issued six smog advisories for Haliburton County that covered 17 days.

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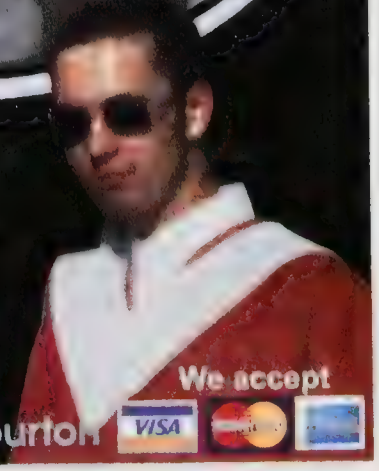

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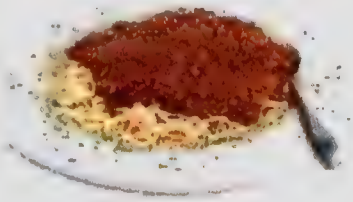


The Wilberforce Legion is the place to be on the weekend of August 15 – 16.

Come on out Friday August 15th for an all you can eat, Spaghetti Dinner at $6:00 per person from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. (Please note this event is scheduled for the third Friday of every month.)

Saturday Night August 16th, is Dance Night at our Branch, with John and Sara as the D.J.'s the Admission is Free. Bring your best dancing shoes and your best friend, or a group of friends for a good time, with great music.

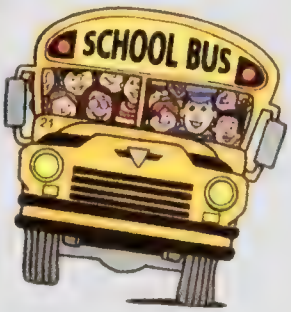
Don't' forget… On August Labour Day Weekend, the Legion has a very special upcoming event. A Corn Roast has been planned and everyone is invited, with The Music of the 'Sound of Thyme. The fun begins at 8:00 p.m. and the cost will be $5.00 per person and bring your own Lawn Chair and join in the fun.

Please note there will be NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS in August. Next General Membership meeting will be held September 9th.

There are many great upcomming events; however just like the weather, the events scheduled may change and there may be even more things to add to these great things to do as the month progresses. Just remember everyone is welcome to come out and join in or just sit and talk to all your friends and enjoy Sport Events on the T.V., and your can come out and see all the new renovations that have been done to our Branch. It looks completely new.

Laidlaw First Ride Program

Wednesday August 20 - Time: 10:30 a.m. Location: Minden OEYC



The Laidlaw First Ride Program will be offered again this summer on Wed. August 20th at 10:30 a.m. You'll learn about school bus safety and go for a ride through Minden. The HKPR Health Unit is providing helpful tips and ideas for packing a balanced day lunch kit. School Readiness handout will also be available. For more information phone the Minden Ontario Early Years Centre: Phone: 705-286-1770

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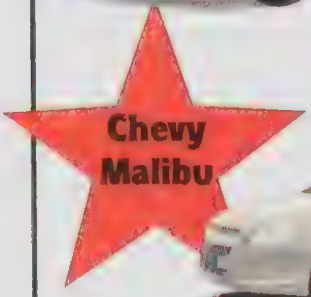

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Race fees are $40 for adults and $25 for those under the age of 12. Online registration closes on Thursday, Aug. 14, but to make sure you're guaranteed a spot, sign-up by Sunday, Aug. 8 at 4:00 p.m.

For complete details visit www.stanhopefire.org/triathlon.html or call George Sharp at 705 754-9030.

Ethel Curry Gallery Presents 'Summer in the Highlands'

Current to Monday September 1, 2008

Pieces from all your favourite Haliburton artists in various mediums will be on display at the Ethel Curry Gallery from now to September 1 during the Summer in the Highlands Exhibit . John Lennard, Gary and Judy Chapman,
Tom Green, Sue Forbes, Jane Selbie, Margery Cartwright, Wayne Hooks, Pat Reynolds, William Cornwall and many many more – you won't want to miss it!

Admission is free – and open weeknights till 8:00 pm through August. The Ethel Curry Gallery is located on 94 Maple Avenue, Haliburton. For more info call 457-9687 or visit the website at www.theethelcurrygallery.com

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Community Care Planning Orillia Boat Cruise - All Welcome

Community Care's Trip Club will be going on an Orillia Boat Cruise on September 26th. - Cruising Lake Couchiching, Lock 42, Severn River and Sparrow Lake.

The cost for the trip is $105.00 which includes transportation by Highway Coach, boat cruise tickets, continental breakfast, hot buffet lunch bottomless tea and coffee and all taxes and gratuities. Call Roxanne at 457-2941 for more information.

Sound of Music Trip to Toronto

The Community Care Trip Club has only 14 seats left for the Bus trip going to see the Sound of Music at the Princess of Wales Theatre in Toronto on October 22nd. The cost of this trip is $155.00, which includes transportation, theatre tickets and dinner at Tuckers Market Place. Call Roxanne if you would like more information about this trip.

What's on Sale in August: Back-to-school supplies, furniture (particularly small, modular furniture appropriate for dorm rooms) and clothing. Look for deals on electronic equipment such as computers and small appliances.

Getting ready to go back to school? Remember: Kids' backpacks should weigh no more than 20 percent of the child's body weight, and the child should use BOTH shoulder straps for the best fit and least stress on the back.

Trying to eat more vegetables? Here's a great tip from the United States Department of Agriculture: When planning meals for the week, try planning around a vegetable main dish (stir-fry, casserole, etc.) and designing the rest of the plate after. Too often, we plan meals according to protein, then starch and vegetable last.

Recipe substitutions: If you need 1 teaspoon of baking powder, use 1/4 teaspoon of baking soda plus 1/2 teaspoon of cream of tartar.

Here's a request. W.T. writes via e-mail: "I am an elderly, divorced man, and I frequently find a use for small jars (e.g. salsa jars). I wonder if any of your respondents have ever sent in a tip regarding what to use to remove the smell from the jar lids." Any suggestions, please write in. Don't worry, Mr. T. Our readers are on the case.

"Here's a tip for hamster owners out there. If your dwarf hamster makes much noise when running its wheel, just lube the wheel a bit with olive oil. Just a drop or two will make the wheel turn smoothly and silently, and won't pose any harm to the little ones in case they lick it!" -- C.H in Utah

Meeet Kathy Thomson

Artist Returns From B.C. To Her Ontario Roots

Kathy Thomson moved around what is now called the GTA a lot in her youth, before moving to B.C. in the mid 80's. Married early, she soon found herself looking after four children. While they're still living in B.C. Kathy's children are adults now, a fact which gave Kathy the impetus to move back east with her partner John Waldin. Kathy's mother Wilma lives in Haliburton Village, so the Highlands seemed like the perfect place to relocate, and they moved east early in the summer of this year.

While Kathy's kids were growing up she took art courses at the Victoria College of Art and also at the Malaspina College of Art on Vancouver Island. She mainly studied painting and drawing and chose acrylics as her ultimate medium of choice for painting. Like most artists she had to seek employment in order to make ends meet, and she ended up working in a framing shop. Single at the time, it was while she was working in the west coast framing shop that she met John Waldin, and he proved not only to be influential in her evolution as an artist, but would also end up as her life partner.

Much earlier in Kathy's life however another man was a great influence. "My Dad's hobby was watercolours," she says, "and he was a big influence on me. I was always making my own birthday cards when I was young, and later on I became interested in etching through my job as a picture framer. I met John when I was working at the framing gallery, and he taught me how to make my own etchings, and focus more on my own work in general."

Kathy took heed, and by the mid 90's she had illustrated 2 books. The first one was for the *Victoria Horticultural Society's Annual Publication*, where she was required to draw plants and flowers accurately, in pen and ink. The second book was called *Native Plants in the Coastal Garden.* It too consisted of botanical illustrations in pen and ink. From there Kathy progressed to illustrating for various advertising agencies on the west coast. She and John lived for many years on various boats, and it was during this period that Kathy was able to hone her talents. "We led a gypsy nomad life of making and selling our art," she remembers fondly, and I also developed skills as an administrator and bookkeeper when John and I worked at a spinning mill. I looked after the books and he looked after the extroverted.

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Administrator For Well Known Haida Gallery

Using the experience gained from the spinning mill Kathy landed an important job with well known B.C. artist April White, who is a direct descendant of the most famous Haida artist of all, Charles Edenshaw; "which makes her like gold," Kathy exclaims. "She was the opening artist for the new Bill Reid Foundation Gallery." Bill Reid is also a nationally known and recognized Haida artist, and an image of a piece of his work is to be found on the $20 bill. "April initially just needed a framer, but I also had the bookkeeping experience, so I eventually ended up as the administrator of her business and her Wind Spirit Gallery in Powell River, B.C. The gallery features all her own work and sells for up to $20,000 a piece."

"The framing for April was museum quality," Kathy's partner, John Waldin interjects. John is more the promoter, while Kathy is not so extroverted when talking about herself and her art. With a quick look, and a smile to John, she continues. "April said to me when she heard we were moving east, that she still wanted me to keep looking after her business, so I'm still doing that from here."

Her Own Work

"My acrylics have been a serious hobby, and part time profession, but now that we're settled here I want to devote more time to my art. I want to build up my portfolio in order put my works in local galleries. I've exhibited etchings and paintings in various galleries on the west coast, and also in Alaska. Painting and drawing on the west coast was a different experience, and in some ways it was foreign to me. This landscape feels like home, and to me it's what I identify as the best of Ontario. My parents would bring us up to this region and to Algonquin, when we were kids, so this is the landscape that is closer to my heart. I have a strong desire to paint it, and I have my sketch book ready."

Keep an eye out for the work of Kathy Thomson as she establishes herself and her art in the art's community. She can be reached at (705) 455-9155.

Pictured: Kathy Thomson and one of her acrylics of a west coast scene; Another west coast acrylic by Kathy; Phalaenopsis Orchid by Kathy

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Horseshoes and the Silence of a Lamb

Every once in a while, during my tenure as Sports Editor of he Halcyon Packet and Times, I would find a way to combine business and pleasure. The P and T's delivery district included a huge slice of Manitoba's Interlake, an area where I had coincidentally spent all my summers, migrating from my home in Ottawa to work in the hayfields on my uncle's ranch, hard by the eastern shores of Lake Manitoba. I did this every summer from grade four until my first year of University. I met some super people and forged some great friendships.

So on a hot and unusually humid August long weekend, back in 1993, I had an occasion to pop back to my old stomping grounds for a reunion of sorts.

I was called to cover a special zoning meeting regarding a contentious golf course development. The meeting was slated for the Rural Municipality (RM) of Reykjavik offices on a Friday afternoon and I told my editor Lorne Bjornson that I would stretch out my weekend to cover a "big Icelandic reunion and Horseshoe Tournament scheduled for the Saturday."

"Yes, I heard all about it," said Lorne, smiling. "Ed Gislason told me the Jonssons are having a party. Just make sure to phone in the council story on Friday afternoon and park your car for the duration." He knew all about my family ties and also about my penchant for dragging a party past all reasonable limits.

I did as I was told. I posted my story via modem and antiquated laptop on Friday afternoon and headed out to the Jonsson ranch.

Arnthor and Jackie Jonson greeted me in the driveway. I parked my car and handed my keys to Jackie. "Do not give these back to me until Sunday and only after you're sure I'm good to go," I told Jackie. She smiled. "And don't even think about trying to find them," said Jackie, tucking them away in the back pocket of her Levis. Arnthor and Jackie were good friends and a trip out to their Interlake ranch always felt like coming home. Arnthor, or Art, taught Grade 12 history at Reykjavik High School and he and Jackie ran about 500 head of Hereford cattle. This year Art decided to branch out into sheep, purchasing two yearling lambs in anticipation of the huge reunion. More on the lambs later.

"We're expecting about 250 people tomorrow, so you better call dibs on the guest bedroom right now," laughed Art.

He then hustled me out to the big event tent set up in the sprawling back yard. "And now, this you have just got to see," said Art. "And I hope you brought your camera." Just behind the tent on a pristine patch of grass was Arnthor's pride and joy. A beautiful horseshoe arena, measured meticulously and sanctioned by the Royal and Ancient Canadian Horseshoe Association (RACHA). The lawns in between the two regulation sand pits were immaculate. Trimmed to a half inch and painstakingly seeded with a mixture of Kentucky Bluegrass and Fine Canadian Fescue. The stakes were planted to surveyor plumb standards at a perfect 90 degrees and anchored to 4 by 4 cross beams pinned by rebar and sunk 2 feet beneath the sifted sand pits.

Two large metal light standards with a huge bank of 1500-watt metal halide bulbs stood on either side of the impressively arrayed amphitheater. Art winked and moved over to a cabinet located near the center sideline of the pitch. He flicked a switch and the crank of Springsteen's Thunder Road filled the grounds, drifting above the flat alfalfa swathes and sailing mellifluously over Lake Manitoba's glassed calm.

"Not bad, eh?" said Art.

"This is absolutely amazing Art," I said.

"It's still a work in progress, but I'm pretty happy with the overall aesthetic," said Art.

"Well, what are we waiting for, set 'em up," I said. We started playing at six that evening and at eight Jackie sent hot dogs out with their boys Bjorn and Steffan. At nine, as dark descended with daunting prairie clarity, Art told Bjorn to go and flick the switch. The lights woofed to life illuminating the terrain with a swift and sudden jarring thud.

Shadows scampered away from the pitch and onto the gallery of folding chairs that Art had arrayed all around the playing field. We played until midnight, swapping high school stories, snapping small snippets of our life and trading body blows via curved chunks of stainless steel shoes hurtled on high arcing lines into the black pitch of a prairie night and against the shuddering glare of 4 million watts of candlepower.

Art beat me, as always, like a drum. He thanked me for the warm up. He was already looking forward to a scheduled rematch against vaunted rival Gusti Gustafson. Gusti was on the ebbing edge of a career that had included a string of 5 straight Manitoba singles titles. He won the Canadian championship back in 1984.

There would be a lot of horseshoes played through the day on Saturday and Art already had the tournament draw set on a large plywood board inside the big event tent. Everyone expected that it would boil and rumble down to a tilt between Art, the young upstart and Gusti the cagey old master.

Of course things don't always go as planned. The guests started arriving early. Arnthor sailed through the prelims on the A-Side on Saturday morning. Then he moved out to the BBQ pit where his project awaited. His project? A lamb, slow roasted on revolving spit over a pit of hot red coals. The roasted lamb was scheduled to highlight the potluck buffet which was taking shape on four massive

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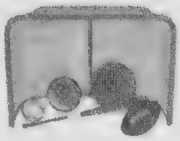

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tables under the large event canopy.

Of course Art had done no research. Jackie had begged him to look into some cookbook treatise on the slow spit roasting of a full carcass of a 25-pound lamb. He had nodded, "No problem, but look Jackie, it's pretty straightforward." The visit to the cooking section of the library was postponed in favor of a trip to the hardware store to pick up an order of special Hawaiian sand that he needed to top off the two pits.

Art arrived at the coal pit on Saturday at about 11 am. I helped him put the lamb on the spit and we fired up the makeshift electric spit that was programmed to rotate the lamb at a very leisurely rate of one turn every four point five minutes. Art figured it would be ready in lots of time for the main course slated for 7 pm.

Jackie had posed the ultimatum. Art was to take charge of the lamb and remain on post until it was done. Time passed. The lamb continued to spin silent on the spit. At 5 pm the electric motor fizzled. Art attached a hand crank. At six pm Art had to default from his semi-final horseshoe match. He was stuck on spit duty, cranking forlornly as shouts and jeers drifted across the 100 or so yards of prairie separating the pit the lamb and the coals from his filed of dreams. The horseshoe tourney was by now in full holler and Art could only gaze across the divide watching wistfully. Every now and then some cousins and friends would detour from festivities and visit just to see how things were progressing. "Still bloody pink. I'm really, really sorry about this" Art was resigned.

At 7 pm Jackie dropped by the pit. "So, we've started the BBQ and Thor went to town for burgers and steak." And then she left. Art knew better than to argue for a reprieve. "Well, Jackie's right, dammit, I should have gone to the library, I just really didn't think it would be a problem. Still bloody pink. How long does it take to roast 20 pounds of lamb?"

Art asked if I could go and keep score in the final of the men's singles event. I left him with a liter bottle of red Chablis and the silent lamb rotating slowly over a fourth batch of coals, now burning a dull red against the darkening night.

I returned at 10:30 with Art's cousin Kelly and another liter of wine in tow. "Bad news Art. Gusti won it all … he asked about you … and the lamb," I said.

"Yep … still pink. But I'm seeing some progress on the two ends. More wine? Lovely."

It might have been the wine, but Art was looking decidedly glazed, and surprisingly content. A faint smile crossed his mug and he turned to us.

"Y'know, there were two lambs. Really. I didn't tell you this story did I?" He was staring wistfully over his shoulder at us and turning the crank on the spit.

"Yep. About two months ago, we heard some noise in the yard out near the pen where we had the lambs. The dog came to the bedroom door and he was whining and looking out the window. I ran and got the shotgun, told Jackie to stay put and got out to the pen just in time to see three coyotes running off into the oak bluff at the other end of the corral. Yep, they chased that poor lamb out of the enclosure and we never ever found her. Just tufts of wool and some blood. Goddam' coyotes."

Kelly and I were drawn into the sad scenario. "That's awful Art," I said, patting him on the shoulder and topping off his glass.

"Yep," said Art, pausing for just the briefest of moments. "Poor little dear … poor little lamb … eaten by coyotes." I don't know if it was the wine or the charcoal smoke, but I noticed the trickle of a single tear on Art's cheek. "They were sisters y'know. Poor little lamb … Goddam' coyotes."

And then he stopped, stared at us for a wink and pointed slowly at the revolving and inert lamb on the spit.

"Yep," said Art, slowly shaking his head. "This … is the lucky one."

And then he turned back slowly to the spit, and the crank, and the rotating carcass.

I managed to sputter a small "amen to that" before Kelly and I fell to the ground in convulsive heaps.

Our laughter went unnoticed by Art. The irony was nudged gently by the softly spinning silence of the lamb. ■

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Estate Planning

with Susan Lee

Estate planning involves several aspects including Wills, Executor, Power of Attorney, Probate Fees and Income Tax. The last two involves paying money to the government. Probate fee is a fee paid to the court to validate your Will. This fee is calculated based on the value of your estate. For example, a person passes on and owns a home worth 200,000.00, RRSP/RIF value of 100,000.00 and a GIC worth 100,000.00, the total estate value to calculate the probate fee in this example is 400,000.00. This is a very simplistic example. Some additional assets that are considered in valuing the estate for probate are all investments, property holdings, business holdings, valuable art, ect.

Income tax is similar. At the time of a person's passing, all assets are considered to be sold and income tax paid accordingly even if the person's goal is to have the assets passed on, such as a cottage. For example, a cottage has gone up 300,000.00 in value, based on today's tax rules, 150,000.00 of that value, even though it has not been sold, will be added to the deceased final tax return. If the deceased also had RRSP/RIFS with a value of 300,000.00, the entire amount is considered withdrawn and added to the final tax return. I am going to also assume the person had income in the year of 25,000.00. The final tax return would show total income of 25+150+300 = 475,000.00. In this example, over 200,000.00 will be paid in income tax. For most of us, the only asset that is income tax exempt is our principle residence.

Probate fee and income tax on an estate have the biggest impact when there is no longer a spouse. Many assets can be passed on to the spouse reducing the value of a person's estate and deferring paying a high probate fee and income tax. This option is available if a person has a spouse and the assets are left to the spouse (property, business, RRSP/RIF and investments). The assets move to the surviving spouse intact at the original cost of the deceased spouse, deferring paying probate fee or income tax for the life of the surviving spouse which, as my example above, shows that it can add up significantly. Revenue Canada always gets their money. If an estate does not have enough cash to pay the income tax owing, assets will be sold to pay the government even if this is against what is in the Will of the deceased.

The Canadian Government spends money promoting that we save for our retirement. One way is through RRSP/RIF and promotes the tax deferring benefit of the RRSP tax receipt but they are very silent on the impact of RRSP/RIF on a person's estate. No one likes to pay taxes but we all hate paying too much, yet most of us do when we die. Pre planning is the only way to make your estate more tax efficient.

In my last article I touched on investing in insurance products (which look similar to GIC's or mutual funds) that allows the investment holder to name multiple beneficiaries. The asset stays in the owner's control but, at the time of death the entire amount bypasses the estate for calculating probate. It is in the hands of the beneficiary within 30 days of the insurance company receiving a copy of the death certificate and it is a closed document and cannot be contested like an asset in a Will.

One way to reduce income tax is to leave money to a charity in one's Will. This produces a tax receipt which 100% of the value can be used to reduce income tax. The estate usually ends up paying out a similar amount lets say 50,000.00, but this is paid to a charity instead of Revenue Canada to waste. This has to be arranged in a person's Will in advance.

The two above examples are very general in nature. Part of financial planning is estate planning. Why pay revenue Canada more then you have to. Call me to review your estate plan or work with you to set one up.

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TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. PSYCHOLOGY: If someone suffers from mysophobia, what is he or she afraid of?
2. COMICS: What is the name of Garfield's canine companion and nemesis?
3. MOVIES: What was the charge debated by the jury in the movie "12 Angry Men."
4. GOVERNMENT: What did the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution do?
5. SCIENCE: What does an oologist study?
6. QUOTATIONS: Who said, "Little strokes fell great oaks."
7. MEDICINE: What is the purpose of eating more food containing Omega-3 fatty acids?
8. GEOGRAPHY: What is the longest river located entirely in one country?
9. MUSIC: Who composed music for the first three Harry Potter movies?
10. TRAVEL: Australia spans how many different time zones?

Answers

1. Dirt
2. Odie
3. Murder
4. Limited presidents to two terms
5. Birds' eggs
6. Benjamin Franklin
7. Improved cardiovascular health
8. Yangtze in China
9. John Williams
10. Three

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Negligent Police Investigation

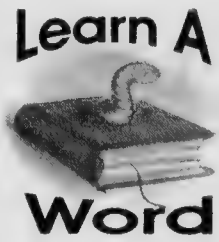
In 2007, the Supreme Court of Canda recognized the tort (the wrongdoing) of negligent investigation by police officers. In this case, the suspect was investigated by the Hamilton police, arrested, tried, wrongfully convicted, and ultimately acquitted after spending more than 20 months in jail for a crime he did not commit. The police officers thought that the suspect had committed ten robberies. There was some evidence linking the suspect to the robberies, including a police tip, eyewitness identifications, a potential sighting of the suspect near the site of one of the robberies, and witness statements that the robber was aboriginal, which the suspect was.

However, during their investigation, the police also had information that two Hispanic men, one of whom looked like the suspect, were the robbers. Two similar robberies occurred while the suspect was in custody. After the suspect was acquitted following a second trial, he brought a civil action that included a claim in negligence against the police based on the conduct of their investigation.

At issue before the Supreme Court was whether, as a matter of law, the police could be sued for neglgent investigation. The court held that the police are not immune from liability under the law of negligence and the tort of negligent investigation exists in Canada. Police officers owe a duty of care to suspects. The relationship is clearly personal, close, and direct. A suspect has a real interest in the conduct of the investigation. The court stated that "at stake are his freedom, his reputation and how he may spend a good portion of his life." The court also held that this new tort is consistent with the values of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* because it fosters the interest of the public in responding to failures of the justice system.

The decision was not unanimous. Three of the nine judges dissented. They stated that the tort of negligent investigation should not be recognized in Canada because a private duty of care owed by the police to suspects would necessarily conflict with an officer's overarching public duty to investigate crime and apprehend offenders. On the facts of the case before the court, the court held that the police officers' conduct, considered in light of police practices at the time, met the standard of a reasonable officer in similar circumstances. The suspect's claim in negligence was dismissed for this reason.

In the next column, I will be talking about the negligence of private investigators.



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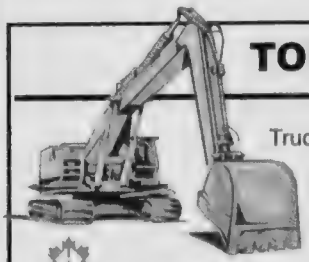

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Things People Said

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International Monetary Fund Ceo, 1959.

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Mark's Landscaping offers a wide variety of services including: total site preparation, snow-plowing, grading, removing dangerous trees, driveways and basement work – just to name a few of the services. The business is also fully-insured.

Kelly says that the business will also have a web site up and running in the near future. One of the features on the site will include before and after pictures of work sites so that customers will be able to see the changes made after work has been completed.

According to Kelly, Mark has been a landscaper and excavator for 25 years.

Also, he's no stranger to the County. Mark has been coming up to the area for the past 30 years to hunt and fish. Mark and his wife have resided in Haliburton for the past three years.

To find out more about Mark's Landscaping, or to acquire their services, email info@northern-landscape.ca. You can also call Mark or Kelly at 705 457-4856. Faxes can

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

If you're one of those folks who loves to strum an imaginary guitar along with the music, here's an invention you need to know about: Scientists in Australia have created a T-shirt just for air guitarists. The shirt has motion sensors that relay the wearer's movements to a computer, allowing these wanna-be musicians to play real music.

It is not known today which politician in 1974 made the following observation: "Solar energy is not something that is going to come in overnight." It also is not know if the play on words was intentional.

In the 1860s, there was actually legal currency printed in the United States with an image of Santa Claus on it. It was issued by Saint Nicho las National bank of New York City.

It's been projected that within the next 12 years, only 15 percent of the world's English-speaking population will be native speakers o the language.

Forbes magazine has ranked the most expensive sports to participate in. You probably won't be surprised to learn that yacht racing, vintage auto racing and polo top the list.

It was about a year ago when people on a flight from Peru to New York got a bit of a surprise when they noticed that one of their fellow passengers had a small monkey peeking out from under his hat. Evidently, the man was trying to smuggle the primate into the United States.

Pulitzer Prize-winning writer John Steinbeck was a creature of habit. Every morning he sharpened exactly 24 pencils, and he wrote with each one until it was blunted. When he was out of sharp pencils, he was through writing for the day.

Thought for the Day: "I believe I found the missing link between animal and civilized man. It is us." -- Konrad Lorenz

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199,000 + gst for both lots.

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$205,000.00

Year round, very private 3 bdrm furnished cottage on Kennisis Lake south east exp., sand and deep water. Lg cedar docking system. Newer pressure treated deck for entertaining. The cottage has pine cabinets, combination of pine, drywall and wainscoting for the walls. The wood floors are lovely. The buildings are well insulated and you won't be afraid of your heating bill. Single car garage heated and water.

$429,000.00

You will love the privacy of this 141 ft lot on Little Kennisis. Cottage sits close to the water & you get sun all day on this well treed point lot. Lg docking system, wonderful open view, sand beach area & rock shore with lots of deep water. Sitting close to the water is a 4 season cottage/3 bdrms, play rm, open concept LR/DR/kitchen, lg entertaining deck. Storage shed. Fully furnished, ready to move in.

$459,000.00

Cottage /Home with sandy beach on Maple Lake -3525 sq ft of living space on 2 floors. 3 lg bdrms, den, 2 family rms, LR, 2 baths, & Jacuzzi, shower ensuite, solid oak kitchen, DR with greenhouse window effect & skylights, cold cellar. Possible apartment in lower level. New propane furnace, propane fireplace & stove, central vac, 200 amp, artisan well, decks front and back, attached dbl garage, and Dad's work shed fully insulated.

$369,000.00

Take a look at this great building lot on Kennisis Lake (Paddy's Bay). Enjoy the 702 ft of varied frontage. Driveway is in , hydro and telephone are available. This lot is a builders dream, saving you $$$. Paddy's bay is a sandy bay off Kennisis Lake, calm, quiet, ideal for a moon light canoe ride on the calm glistening waters. Gives you access to 2 chain lake and go over the rollers at the dam for a river trip to Red Pine Lake .

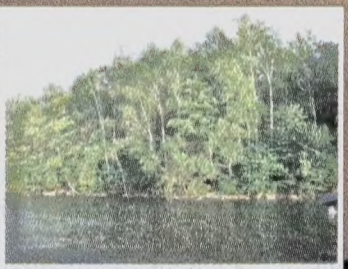
$349,900.00 + GST

Kennisis Lk(Paddy's Bay) 175 ft frontage, beautiful sand beach, natural shore line, nature lovers retreat. 3.2 acres, level lot, driveway on property. Very easy to build on this lot saving you lots of $$$$$.

$229,000.00

Redstone Lake 1.5 acre gently sloping building lot on Hunter's Island with fabulous sunsets & sun rises. 160 ft fr. & 5 mins by boat from landing. Dock & boat storage facilities available. Build your dream hideaway on this very private lot with mature trees. New cottage going in on the lot next door. Possible VTB also vendor can supply some building costs or perhaps build to suit.

$199,000.00



Cedar cottage with 3 bedrooms on a spectacular lot on Kennisis Lake. South exposure, sand and rock shore line excellent swimming shallow and deep water entry. Cottage has been well maintained, cedar lined, wood floors. This is an easy to maintain cottage with good privacy, wonderful view of Kennisis.

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Little Kennisis Retreat with 262 ft of frontage and loads of privacy on this natural SE exp lot. Drive to door or park in your 2 car garage with loft. 2500 sq ft of living space. 2 propane brick fireplaces. 3 lge bdrms , luxury kitchen, ceramic easy care floors, pine and cedar interior, skylights, sunroom, laundry and family room. Save energy plus have security with Rollex window covers. Many extras.

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